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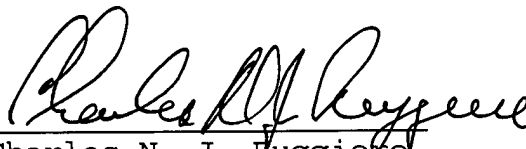
Claims 2 through 4, 7 through 11 and 16 were presented for examination in the present application. The instant amendment cancels claims 2 through 4, 8, 10, 11 and 16 without prejudice. Claims 7 and 9 remain pending and have been indicated as being allowed.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Such action is solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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